

# ***Beyond the Neon***

Cultural Affairs Division  
City of Las Vegas Department of Leisure Services  
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Cultural programs: [www.artslasvegas.org](http://www.artslasvegas.org); ArtsLine 229-5430; city website: [www.lasvegasparksandrec.com](http://www.lasvegasparksandrec.com)

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## **April 2006 Calendar of Events**

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### **Spring II Class Registration**

April 1-13; classes April 18-May 28

#### **Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, 229-6383

#### **East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, 229-1515

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, 229-6211

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, 229-4800

Classes for adults and children are offered in a wide variety of arts disciplines, including painting, ceramics, dance, instrumental and vocal music, theatre, and Spanish and African cultural arts.

Download the class catalog or register online at [www.clvbeyondtheneon.com](http://www.clvbeyondtheneon.com).

Fees vary

### **West Las Vegas Arts Center Film Series**

Saturdays, 3 pm

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, 229-4800

#### **April 1      *The Afro-Brazilian Theater of Olodum***

Documentary highlights the troupe's use of art as a positive weapon against racial discrimination and socioeconomic inequity (22 minutes).

#### **April 1      *Katherine Dunham***

Dancer, choreographer and arts educator Dunham discusses her work and challenges she faced as a black female dancer (15 minutes).

#### **April 29      *Dance Black America***

Documentary focuses on the evolution of African-American dance and dance companies including American Dance Theatre, Mam Lu Parks Jazz Dancers, and Garth Fagan's Bucket Dance Theatre (87 minutes).

Free admission

### ***Doña Rosita's Jalapeño Kitchen***

Starring Ruby Nelda Perez

Sunday, April 2, 3 pm

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, 229-6211

Playing a dozen different characters, Ruby Nelda Perez captures Rosita's family, friends and neighbors who frequent her restaurant. English, with some Spanish.

Tickets: \$10 advance, \$15 performance day

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### **Spring Youth Film Series**

**Thursdays, 4 pm**

#### **East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center Ballroom**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

**April 6            *Young Black Stallion***

This prequel to *The Black Stallion* takes place in Arabia and features stunning scenery and an exciting horse race.

**April 13           *James and the Giant Peach***

A young orphan is given magic crocodile tongues which grow into a giant peach. James crawls inside the peach and discovers several bugs that take him on an adventure to New York.

**April 20           *Dr. Seuss' The Cat in the Hat***

Mike Myers stars in a live action version of Dr. Seuss' beloved story.

Free admission

### **Spring Latin Film Series**

**Thursdays, 7 pm**

#### **East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center Ballroom**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Spanish language films from 1950s Mexico. Discussion led by Javier Becerra from Casa de La Cultura de Las Americas. Cosponsored by Casa de La Cultura de Las Americas

**April 6            *Cada Quien Su Vida***

**April 13           *El Nino y El Muro***

**April 20           *Aventurera***

Free admission

### **First Friday in the Arts District**

**Friday, April 7, 6-10 pm**

#### **Arts District**

Main Street and Charleston Boulevard

More than 60 studios, businesses and galleries participate in the monthly cultural block party. Free trolley service provided. For information, [www.firstfriday-lasvegas.org](http://www.firstfriday-lasvegas.org)

### **Rainbow Company Youth Theatre**

#### ***I Never Saw Another Butterfly***

**April 7, 8, 13, 14, 15 • 7 pm**

**April 9, 15, 16 • 2 pm**

#### **Reed Whipple Cultural Center Studio Theatre**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Created in a concentration camp, the writings of the Jewish children of Prague stand as a testament to the power of the human spirit. Recommended for age 10 and older.

Tickets: \$7 adults, \$5 teens & seniors, \$3 children 12 & under

### **Watoto Book Club**

**Saturdays, April 8 & 22, 11 am-12:30 pm**

#### **West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Young people ages 10-16 are invited to join the book club; selections are based on an African-American curriculum. All educational material will be provided to students.

Free admission

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**Easter Cultural Festival****Saturday, April 8, 12-3 pm****East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Family fun includes art projects, information booths, games, live entertainment, prizes and a visit by the Easter Bunny. Information in English and Spanish. Cosponsored by Univision Radio.

Free admission

**Great Performances Arts Workshop****Registration: through April 11****Workshop dates: Thursday & Friday, April 13 & 14, 8 am-5 pm****West Las Vegas Arts Center**947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Workshop for ages 10-18 celebrates the best in African-American theatre, drama and dance.

Presenters include Chazz (Swing) Young, Shelby Brown, Steven Reynolds, Lyndell Blake and Walter Mason. Participants must bring jazz and tap shoes and sack lunch.

Fee: \$25

**Family Festival****Saturday, April 15, 12-4 pm****Sunny Springs Park**

Golden Talon Avenue and Buffalo Drive

Music, gymnastics, movement and dance performances, games, information booths and other family activities. Refreshments while supplies last.

Free admission

**Downtown Cultural Series****Beale Street Blues****Friday, April 21, 12-1 pm****Lloyd D. George U.S. Courthouse**333 Las Vegas Boulevard South, **229-4614**

Trumpeter Dick Wright and his band play Dixieland and swing tunes. Bring a sack lunch or partake of the light refreshments available.

Free admission

**The Poets' Corner****Friday, April 21, 7:30 pm****West Las Vegas Arts Center**947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Keith Brantley and Pendelita Toney host a forum for established poets and open mic participants.

Free admission

**Rainbow Company Youth Theatre Audition*****The Little Mermaid*****Saturday, April 22, 1 pm****Reed Whipple Cultural Center**821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Open audition for roles in June production.

Free admission

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**Old Time Barn Dance**

*Cosponsored with Southern Nevada Old Time Contra Dancers*

**Saturday, April 22, 7-10 pm**

**Charleston Heights Arts Center Ballroom**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Callers and live fiddlin' music for square dancing, mixers, contras, waltzes and polkas. Free dance lesson at 6:30 pm! No partner or experience needed.

Tickets: \$6 adults, \$5 members, \$3 students, active military & children

**Salsa Dance Series****Las Vegas Latin Sound**

**Saturday, April 22, 8-11 pm**

**Pre-dance salsa workshop, 7 pm**

**East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center Ballroom**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Dance to the Latin beat, with dance contests, door prizes and no-host bar, too. Brush up on your salsa steps at the pre-dance workshop.

Tickets: \$15

**Las Vegas Wind Quintet**

**Sunday, April 23, 3 pm**

**Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Pianist Barbara Riske joins the quintet for a concert of classical music. The music is provided, in part, by a grant from the Music Performance Fund and obtained with the cooperation of the Musicians Union of Las Vegas, Local No. 369 of the American Federation of Music.

Free admission

**4th Annual Student Showcase**

**Saturday, April 29, 2-5 pm**

**East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center Ballroom**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

The center celebrates students' achievements: displays of artwork and course projects, musical numbers and dance routines.

Free admission

**27th Search for Talent Winners' Showcase**

**Saturday, April 29, 2 pm**

**Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Talented young people ages 6-18, selected through auditions and competition, perform.

Tickets: \$5

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## **IN THE GALLERIES**

**Laura Kleger**

***Home Front***

**through April 2**

**Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Los Angeles artist's color photography considers the social landscape – both public and private – in post-9/11 America. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

**Michelle Forsyth**

**April 6-June 18**

**Reception: Thursday, April 6, 6:30-8:30 pm; gallery talk, 7 pm**

**Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street, **229-6383**

Delicately patterned gouache works stand in contrast to the repellant qualities of their source imagery. Digital video work included. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

**Vivid Portrayals**

**through April 7**

**Bridge Gallery, City Hall, 2nd Floor**

400 East Stewart Avenue

Paintings and photographs by Las Vegas artists. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

***Africa: Journey of Adventure***

**Photography by Helen Murphy**

**through April 23**

**West Las Vegas Arts Center**

947 West Lake Mead Boulevard, **229-4800**

Photographs taken on Murphy's trip to Africa.

Free admission

**Vegas VIP**

**April 14-June 30**

**Bridge Gallery, City Hall, 2nd Floor**

400 East Stewart Avenue

Reproductions of vintage postcards and historical photographs of old downtown Las Vegas. Call **229-4674** for information.

Free admission

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**Nevada Now II**  
**through April 30**  
**Reed Whipple Cultural Center**

821 Las Vegas Boulevard North, **229-6211**

Traveling exhibit from the Nevada Arts Council highlights the work of NAC artist fellowship recipients: David Andersen, Rebekah Bogard, Mary Ann Bonjorni, Cara Cole, Paul Ford, Thomas Holder, Philippe Mazaud, Chad Simmons and Mary Warner. Call **229-4674** for information.  
Free admission

**Celebrating Life! Fine Arts Competition for Senior Artists**  
**Entries due Friday & Saturday, May 12 & 13, 9 am-1 pm**  
**Reception and Awards Ceremony: Saturday, May 20, 1-3 pm**  
**Charleston Heights Arts Center**

800 South Brush Street

Annual fine arts competition for senior artists age 50 and older! Two- and three-dimensional works accepted. Cosponsored by City of Las Vegas Arts Commission and Department of Leisure Services' Senior Citizen Programs Division. Call **229-6844** for details.

**Occupied Space: Connecting Artists with Public Spaces**  
**Ongoing**

**East Las Vegas Community/Senior Center**

250 North Eastern Avenue, **229-1515**

Two- and three-dimensional works by local artists Jorge Catoni, Earl T. Dunbar, Jennifer Gilbert, Vija Hamilton, Anne Hoff, Charles Lintner, Deborah Norton, Angel O'Briant, Kristin Pinkerton and Mary Warner are displayed throughout the facility. Call **229-4631** for information.  
Free

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**Las Vegas Arts Connection**

Cultural Affairs Division staff will present information about its programs to your business, organization or civic group. Call **229-1087** for information.  
Free service

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